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THE FOLLOWING REPEATS GUATEMALA 6458 ACTION
SECSTATE 27 NOVEMBER 1974. QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 6458

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, US, GT

SUBJECT: OPERATION HF RADIO CIRCUIT TO REPLACE LEASED
TELETYPE CIRCUIT

REF: STATE 257108

1. EMBASSY FILES ARE INCOMPLETE ON QUESTION OF OPERATION OF HF RADIO CIRCUIT IN PAST AND GOG REACTION THERETO. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE WOULD RISK A BAD REACTION FROM GOG IF WE WERE TO OPERATE HF RADIO STATION WITHOUT SPECIFIC GOG AUTHORIZATION.
2. GIVEN GENERALLY COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF GOG, WE BELIEVE WE PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN GOG CONCURRENCE IN DUE COURSE. ON OTHER HAND, GIVEN PAST SENSITIVITY OF GOG ON ISSUE IN 1969, AND NATIONALISTIC PROCLIVITIES OF GOG, WE MIGHT RUN INTO SOME TROUBLE. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, GIVEN UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE OF MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS ANZUETO ON OTHER QUESTIONS, HE MIGHT PROVE DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LOSS OF REVENUE TO QUATEL WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM CANCELLATION OF LEASE.

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3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT: A) WE SHOULD NOT OPERATE HF RADIO

STATION FULL TIME WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF GOG; B) WE SHOULD SEEK SUCH AUTHORIZATION PROMPTLY; C) PENDING RESOLUTION OF MATTER, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO DELAY CANCELLATION OF TELETYPE LEASE.

4. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE WOULD SEND A NOTE TO FONOFF, ASKING FOR GOG PERMISSION TO OPERATE HF RADIO STATION. HOWEVER, AS NOTED IN STATE 199220 OF 11/28/69, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT IN DRAFTING NOTE WOULD BE DESIRABLE. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD APPRECIATE FULLEST POSSIBLE INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTENTS OF NOTE TO GOG, INCLUDING ALL PERTINENT BACKGROUND AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FREQUENCIES DESIRED. EMBASSY INCLINED TO THINK BEST POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING GOG CLEARANCE LIES IN PRESENTING MATTER IN LOW KEY, FACTUAL, AND TECHNICAL MANNER.
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